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SUBJECT: CODEL WILLIAMS/STEVENS

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- 1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CONFIRMED THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN WILL MEET CODEL ON FRIDAY. THEY WERE APOLOGETIC THAT THEY ARE STILL NOT ABLE TO SET TIME. THEY KNOW ABOUT CODEL'S SCHEDULE PER REFTEL B BUT WARNED THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY THAT THE MEETING TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING. IF THAT HAPPENS, THEY WILL TRY TO MAKE IT AS LATE IN THE MORNING AS POSSIBLE.
- 2. THERE IS STILL NOT A FINAL ANSWER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE BUT WE ARE TOLD THAT MOST LIKELY EVENT WILL BE TEA AT FIVE O'CLOCK FOR THE SENATORS AND THEIR WIVES.
- 3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE SUGGEST CODEL HOLD TO PRESENT SCHEDULE UNTIL WE HAVE DEFINITE TIMES. WE ASSUME THAT IF YOU FLY FROM ISTANBUL TO ANKARA BETWEEN TWELVE AND ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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TOMORROW, YOU WILL WISH TO EAT A BOX LUNCH ONBOARD. IF, HOWEVER, THE SCHEDULE IS SHIFTED AND YOU COME EARLIER, WE WILL BE PREPARED FOR SENATORS AND SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS TO JOIN AMBASSADOR AT AN AMERICANS-ONLY LUNCH AT HIS RESIDENCE. MRS. SPIERS AND MRS. DILLON WILL TAKE THE WIVES ON A COMBINATION SHOPPING-SIGHTSEEING TOUR WHICH WILL INCLUDE LUNCH AT A TURKISH RESTAURANT.

4. WE ARE SORRY THAT SCHEDULE HAS REMAINED UP IN THE AIR UNTIL THE VERY LAST MINUTE IN ANKARA BUT ARE SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT WITH THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT, SENIOR TURKS ARE UNDER EXTRAORDINARY TIME PRESSURES RIGHT AT THE MOMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER, AS WE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, IS ACTUALLY READING HIS PROGRAM IN THE PARLIAMENT TODAY IN PREPARATION FOR A CONFIDENCE VOTE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK. FURTHERMORE, TOMORROW AFTERNOON HE WILL HAVE TO APPEAR IN THE SENATE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PROGRAM. DESPITE ALL THIS, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE VISIT WILL BE A SUCCESS AND THAT THE CODEL WILL BE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. SPIERS

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